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DALLAS WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TRANSPORTING METH FROM TEXAS TO MISSOURI

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Dallas, Texas, woman pleaded guilty in federal court today to possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine.

Sylvia V. Villarreal, 32, of Dallas, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this afternoon.

By pleading guilty, **Villarreal** admitted that she possessed with intent to distribute 113 grams of methamphetamine on March 6, 2004. Specifically, **Villarreal** admitted that she possessed transported the methamphetamine from Texas to Kansas City for the purpose of distribution on Nov. 4, 2003, and March 6, 2004.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Villarreal** may be subject to a maximum sentence of up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$2 million. Her sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen D. Mahoney. It was investigated by the Jackson County, Mo., Drug Task Force.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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